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MINUTES
COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
May 23, 2005, 4.00 p.m.
City Council Chamber

Present: Commissioners Welling, Nash, Gilbertson, Stock, Selfridge, Todd, Herman and Reese

Staff: Kim Bui-Burton, Douglas Holtzman and Chalet Catlin

Excused: Commissioners Ansel, and Buskirk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nash called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting of April 25, 2005 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Todd made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2005. Seconded by Commissioner Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed.

B. Special Meeting of May 2, 2005 - **MOTION:** Commissioner Todd made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2005. Seconded by Commissioner Welling. All ayes, motion passed.

III. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Activity report May 2005 – Kim presented the activity report to the commission and asked for comments. Commissioner Selfridge had a question regarding the San Xavier Foundation and if the foundation was still in existence. Kim seemed to think it was but was not 100% sure. Commissioner Nash commented on the ACHP Riverside presentation and Kim informed the commission that it was well received and gave a detailed oral report of the meeting. There was high interest in cultural/historic tourism and with the city manager presenting our designation, Kim felt the Museum and Cultural Arts Division was more visible. Extensive discussion followed regarding support of the cultural arts within the city and the demographic focus.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ad-hoc Committee report – Sculpture Repair Funding – Commissioner Nash thanked Kim for provided him with information from the Save Outdoor Sculpture group. Commissioner Welling and Nash will get together to discuss further. Kim also informed the commission that staff had come across grant applications that the museum division had tried to obtain in the past from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

B. Ad-hoc Committee report – Cultural Arts Grant Fundraising – Commissioners Welling and Stock had an appointment with Warren Dewey, owner of the State Theatre. Unfortunately, Mr. Dewey was ill and so the meeting was rescheduled. The purpose was to investigate a fundraising production. Commissioner Stock seemed to think a dance program in that venue would be appropriate. The Committee is exploring the charges/fees of the venue.

Commissioner Selfridge informed the commission that she had pitched the Bouquets to Monterey fundraising idea to Los Amigos, the fundraising arm of MHAA. She felt that MHAA has the manpower to make the event happen. She also raised the question on fundraising for a specific target (sculpture) rather than a concept (cultural arts grants). The commission discussed at length the pros and cons of tangible vs. intangible goals. Kim informed the commission of her attendance at the Community Foundation meeting wherein a number of non-profits were invited and how to best support the needs of the groups who were funded in the past. She suggested that we re-evaluate the cultural arts grants guidelines and identify the group needs, set priorities and go from there.

Kim offered the commission information about non-profit 501c-3 development, the ability of the city to accept tax deductible donations, and answered the liability questions that were raised at the last meeting. Use of Colton Hall as a fundraising venue was also addressed and the commission asked how policies could be changed regarding fees and charges to help raise funds. Staff to address these issues and give guidance at a future meeting.

The commission also requested information regarding the Angels and how they could be used in fundraising or as a revenue source. Staff was directed to pull together the information and return to the commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of donation: 1946 Centennial Felt Pennant from Dorothea Sallee - Staff presented the donation to the Commission. **MOTION:** Commissioner Todd made a motion to accept the gift as presented. Seconded by Herman. All ayes. Motion passed.

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Stock: No comment

B. Reese: Invited the commission to Golden State Theater tonight. The MPC orchestra/chorus will be performing at 7:30 PM, Beethoven's 5th and a Requiem Mass.

C. Todd: Attended the Widow Persons luncheon and was very impressed with Jim Conway's talk. Also shared with the commission that on Sunday, June 5th Morgan Stock would be honored by the Pasadena Playhouse Alumni as Man of the Year.

D. Welling: No comment

E. Herman: Shared with the commission that the Perry House exhibits, Little Black Dress/Wedding show was taking place. She also would like to see a fundraiser happen instead of just talking about it.

F. Gilbertson: No comment

G. Selfridge: Shared with the commission that she believes the State theater to be wonderful and also notified the commission of the Monterey History and Art Association would be celebrating their 75th Anniversary.

H. Nash: Reiterated his appreciation of the commission members and their caring for the cultural arts. He invited the commission to take notice of the Chautauqua lecture series that the City of Pacific Grove has planned and shared that he would be giving a talk on the Chautauqua movement on June 21st.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair Nash adjourned the meeting at 5:07 PM.

B. Next Meeting: June 27, 4:00 PM, City Council Chamber

Minutes by Chalet Catlin